execution of details, such delegation of authority shall in no way relieve the commanding officer of his or her continued responsibility for the safety, well-being, and efficiency of the entire command.

- (b) A commanding officer who departs from his or her orders or instructions, or takes official action which is not in accordance with such orders or instructions, does so upon his or her own responsibility and shall report immediately the circumstances to the officer from whom the prior orders or instructions were received. Of particular importance is the commanding officer's duty to take all necessary and appropriate action in self-defense of the command.
- (c) The commanding officer shall be responsible for economy within his or her command. To this end the commanding officer shall require from his or her subordinates a rigid compliance with the regulations governing the receipt, accounting, and expenditure of public money and materials, and the implementation of improved management techniques and procedures.
- (d) The commanding officer and his or her subordinates shall exercise leadership through personal example, moral responsibility, and judicious attention to the welfare of persons under their control or supervision. Such leadership shall be exercised in order to achieve a positive, dominant influence on the performance of persons in the Department of the Navy.

§ 700.804 Organization of commands.

All commands and other activities of the Department of the Navy shall be organized and administered in accordance with law, United States Navy Regulations, and the orders of competent authority. All orders and instructions of the commanding officer shall be in accordance therewith.

§ 700.809 Persons found under incriminating circumstances.

(a) The commanding officer shall keep under restraint or surveillance, as necessary, any person not in the armed services of the United States who is found under incriminating or irregular circumstances within the command,

and shall immediately initiate an investigation.

- (b) Should an investigation indicate that such person is not a fugitive from justice or has not committed or attempted to commit an offense, he shall be released at the earliest opportunity, except:
- (1) If not a citizen of the United States, and the place of release is under the jurisdiction of the United States, the nearest federal immigration authorities shall be notified as to the time and place of release sufficiently in advance to permit them to take such steps as they deem appropriate.
- (2) Such persons shall not be released in territory not under the jurisdiction of the United States without first obtaining the consent of the proper foreign authorities, except where the investigation shows that he entered the command from territory of the foreign state, or that he is a citizen or subject of that state.
- (c) If the investigation indicates that such person has committed or attempted to commit an offense punishable under the authority of the commanding officer, the latter shall take such action as he deems necessary.
- (d) If the investigation indicates that such a person is a fugitive from justice, or has committed or attempted to commit an offense which requires actions beyond the authority of the commanding officer, the latter shall, at the first opportunity, deliver such person, together with a statement of the circumstances, to the proper civil authorities.
- (e) In all cases under paragraph (d) of this section, a report shall be made promptly to the Chief of Naval Operations or the Commandant of the Marine Corps, as appropriate.

§ 700.810 Rules for visits.

- (a) Commanding officers are responsible for the control of visitors to their commands and shall comply with the relevant provisions of Department of the Navy concerning classified information and physical security.
- (b) Commanding officers shall take such measures and impose such restrictions on visitors as are necessary to safeguard the classified material under

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their jurisdiction. Arrangements for general visiting shall always be made with due regard for physical security and based on the assumption that foreign agents will be among the visitors.

(c) Commanding officers and others officially concerned shall exercise reasonable care to safeguard the persons and property of visitors to naval activities as well as taking those necessary precautions to safeguard the persons and property within the command.

§ 700.811 Dealers, tradesmen, and agents.

- (a) In general, dealers or tradesmen or their agents shall not be admitted within a command, except as authorized by the commanding officer:
 - (1) To conduct public business;
- (2) To transact specific private business with individuals at the request of the latter; or
- (3) To furnish services and supplies which are necessary and are not otherwise, or are insufficiently, available to the personnel of the command.
- (b) Personal commercial solicitation and the conduct of commercial transactions are governed by policies of the Department of Defense.

§ 700.812 Postal matters.

Commanding officers shall ensure that mail and postal funds are administered in accordance with instructions issued by the Postmaster General and approved for the naval service by the Chief of Naval Operations, and instructions issued by the Chief of Naval Operations, the Chief of Naval Personnel, or the Commandant of the Marine Corps, as appropriate; and that postal clerks or other persons authorized to handle mail perform their duties strictly in accordance with those instructions.

§ 700.815 Deaths.

The commanding officer, in the event of the death of any person within his or her command, shall ensure that the cause of death and the circumstances under which death occurred are established, that the provisions of the Manual of the Judge Advocate General are adhered to in documenting the cause and circumstances, and that the appropriate casualty report is submitted.

§ 700.816 The American National Red Cross.

- (a) Pursuant to the request of the Secretary of the Navy, and subject to such instructions as the Secretary may issue, the American National Red Cross is authorized to conduct a program of welfare, including social, financial, medical and dental aid, for naval personnel; to assist in matters pertaining to prisoners of war; and to provide such other services as are appropriate functions for the Red Cross. The American National Red Cross is the only volunteer society authorized by the Government to render medical and dental aid to the armed forces of the United States. Other organizations desiring to render medical and dental aid may do so only through the Red Cross.
- (b) Requests for Red Cross services shall be made to the Chief of Naval Personnel or the Commandant of the Marine Corps or, in the case of medical services, to the Commander, Naval Medical Command.
- (c) Activities and personnel of the American National Red Cross in areas subject to naval jurisdiction shall conform to such administrative regulations as may be prescribed by appropriate naval authority.
- (d) Red Cross personnel shall be considered to have the status of commissioned officers, subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the Chief of Naval Personnel or the Commandant of the Marine Corps.

§ 700.819 Records.

The commanding officer shall require that records relative to personnel, material and operations, as required by current instructions, are maintained properly by those responsible therefor.

§ 700.822 Delivery of personnel to civil authorities and service of subpoena or other process.

- (a) Commanding officers or other persons in authority shall not deliver any person in the naval service to civil authorities except as provided by the Manual of the Judge Advocate General.
- (b) Commanding officers are authorized to permit the service of subpoenas or other process as provided by the Manual of the Judge Advocate General.